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Director
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November 18, 1997

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Mr. William F. Caton
Acting Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20036

RE: Ex Parte: Cellular Service in the Gulf of Mexico
 WT Docket No. 97-112

Dear Mr. Caton:

This letter shall serve as notification that, on November 18, 1997, the following individuals met with Ms. Rosalind Allen and Ms. Jeanine Poltronieri of the Commission's Wireless Telecommunications Bureau:

Carol Bjelland	GTE	Cathy Massey	AT&T Wireless
Charon Harris	GTE	John Dapper	AT&T Wireless
Bob Hines	GTE	Carol Tacker	SBC
Hal Buckholts	GTE	Gina Harrison	SBC
Ben Almond	BellSouth	Glen Rabin	Alltel

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss issues concerning the above-referenced proceeding. In particular, the companies represented above believe that the FCC proposal to auction unserved area in the Gulf of Mexico does not address the problem of poor cellular service coverage in coastal beach areas and is thus not in the public interest. Instead, the companies represented above believe the public interest is best served by a proposal based on extending land-based carriers' CGSAs into the Gulf of Mexico. A copy of the specific proposal, along with other discussion materials, are provided for inclusion in the record pursuant to the Commission's rules concerning ex parte communications.

Please include a copy of this notification, together with the attached discussion materials, in accordance with the Commission's rules concerning ex parte communications. Questions concerning this matter should be directed to the undersigned.

Sincerely,


Carol L. Bjelland

Attachment

CC: R. Allen
 J. Poltronieri

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P.O. BOX 10070, BROOKSVILLE, FLORIDA 34603-0070

November 14, 1997

Mary Adams

AT&T Wireless Services
11501 Connecticut Avenue
4th Floor
Washington, D.C. 20036

Dear Ms. Adams:

Wireless communication, such as cellular technology, is a vital tool utilized by law enforcement and other public safety agencies to provide efficient, effective and reliable service to the citizens of our communities. The public safety agencies within Hernando County, including the Hernando County Sheriff's Office, use cellular communications as a primary mode of communications under certain conditions as well as a reliable secondary mode of communications during a severe weather or other critical event that may interrupt our normal two-way radio system.

With the continuous growth of our community, the Hernando County Sheriff's Office now relies on cellular communications (CDPD) as the backbone communications medium of a mobile data terminal system for all of our patrol officers. This system is critical to the safe and effective function of law enforcement in our community.

As a Florida coastal community, Hernando County continues to experience rapid growth on the west side of our community. This area, located to the west of Highway 19 on the Gulf of Mexico, is becoming increasingly populated, requires an increased level of law enforcement presence and is highly susceptible to severe weather events.

Although AT&T Wireless Services has a cellular site located on Highway 50 near this coastal area, the public safety agencies in Hernando County have experienced extremely poor cellular (and CDPD) coverage from this site due to the reflectors mounted on this facility to block the signal strength. It is my understanding that the cellular transmission signals are blocked due to a FCC restriction.

Due to the critical nature of public safety cellular communications in this coastal area, the Hernando County Sheriff's Office strongly supports AT&T Wireless Services' efforts to improve the cellular signal strength from this cellular site.

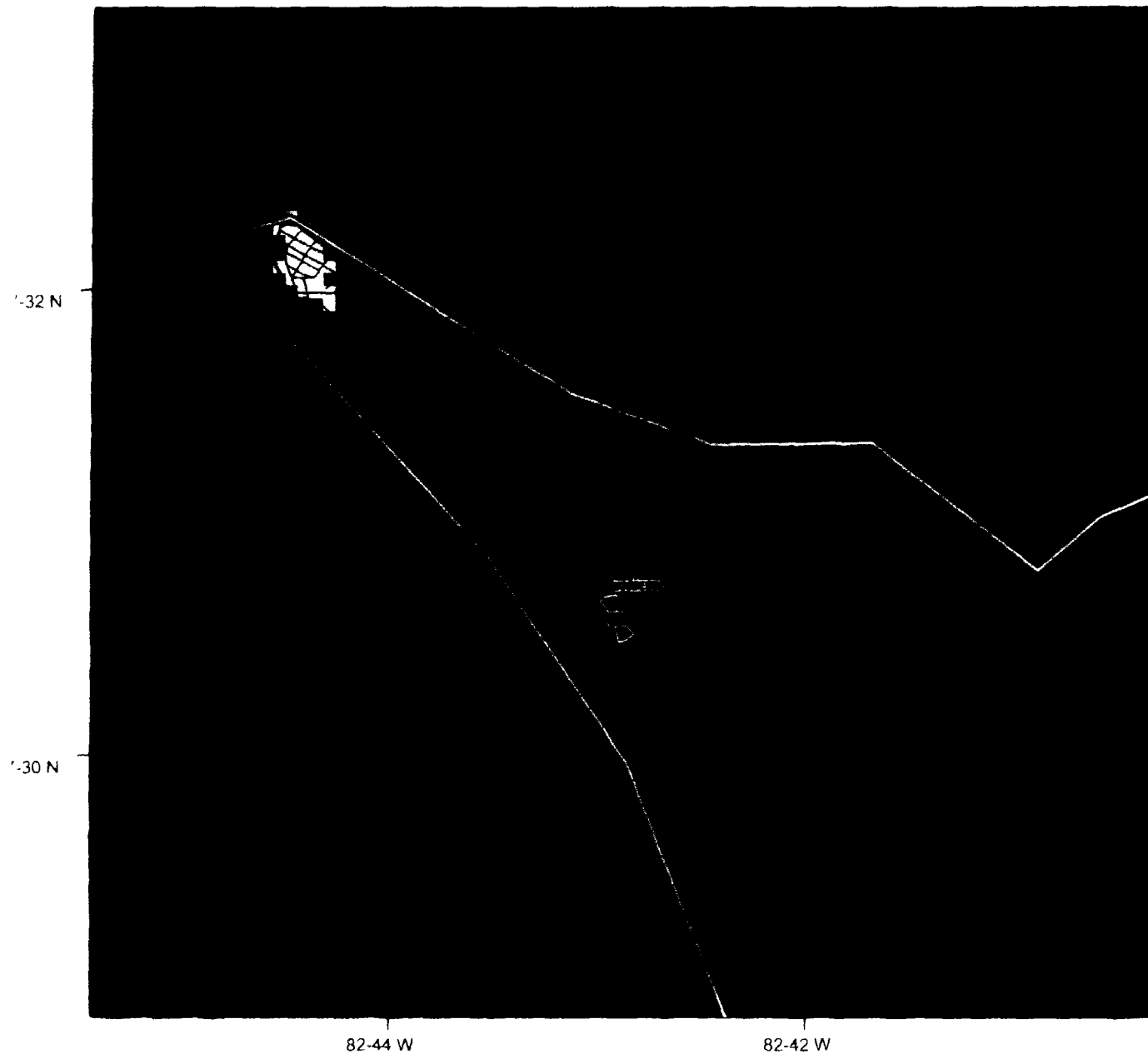
Thank you for your attention to this matter, and if you have any questions please feel free to call me at any time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "William J. Kicklighter".

William J. Kicklighter
E911 Communications Manager

Portable service with 100 Watts ERP



SARA_BRAD_CORE
GRANET Ver 2.3.1 [Build 17]
Map # 58
UTM zone 17
User ID: goldwing
Thu Oct 2 10:55:10 1997

Signal Strength (dbm)

BELOW -118
-118 to -80
ABOVE -80

Scale 1:50,000

0 0.2 0.4 0.6 0.8
miles

0 0.5 1
km

GTE Laboratories Inc.
40 Sylvan Road
Waltham, MA 02254

Signal Strength [dBm]

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Scale 1:50,000

mile 0 0.2 0.4 0.6 0.8

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CELLULAR SERVICE IN THE GULF OF MEXICO

WT DOCKET 97-112

EX PARTE PRESENTATION

GTE, SBC, AT&T WIRELESS, BELL SOUTH, ALLTEL

NOVEMBER 18, 1997

CURRENT FCC POLICY FOR THE PROVISION OF CELLULAR SERVICE IN THE GULF OF MEXICO IS DETRIMENTAL TO THE PUBLIC INTEREST

POOR PORTABLE BEACH COVERAGE

UNAUTHORIZED CAPTURE OF SUBSCRIBER TRAFFIC

ABSENCE OF CELLULAR SERVICE OFF THE COAST OF FLORIDA

FCC PROPOSALS TO PROVIDE RELIABLE SERVICE TO COASTAL CUSTOMERS ARE NOT IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST

**AUCTION OF UNSERVED AREA IN THE COASTAL ZONE IS NOT THE
SOLUTION**

DOES NOT ADDRESS THE PROBLEM OF POOR BEACH COVERGE

**CREATES THE POSSIBILITY OF A THIRD CARRIER WITH RIGHTS TO SERVE THE
COASTAL ZONE, EXACERBATING SERVICE PROBLEMS AND CUSTOMER CONFUSION**

**IGNORES THE NATURAL COMMUNITY OF INTEREST BETWEEN LAND AND COASTAL
CUSTOMERS**

PERMITTING GULF CARRIERS TO PLACE TRANSMITTERS ON LAND IS
NOT IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST

LAND-BASED TRANSMITTERS OF GULF CARRIERS WILL CAPTURE CUSTOMER
TRAFFIC OF LAND-BASED CARRIERS

COLLOCATION WOULD IMPOSE UNREASONABLE NETWORK/CAPITAL BURDEN ON
LAND-BASED CARRIERS

PRESERVING THE STATUS QUO BY GRANDFATHERING EXISTING SITES
IS NOT, IN AND OF ITSELF, A SOLUTION THAT SERVES THE PUBLIC
INTEREST

AT BEST, GRANDFATHERING EXISTING SITES WILL ONLY ENSURE THAT SOME
COVERAGE, NOT NECESSARILY RELIABLE PORTABLE COVERAGE, WILL EXIST ON
GULF BEACHES

PUBLIC INTEREST IS SERVED BY EXTENDING LAND-BASED CARRIERS' CGSA INTO THE GULF OF MEXICO UNDER THE FOLLOWING PARAMETERS:

1) PENDING APPLICATIONS GRANTED ONLY TO THE EXTENT THAT FACILITY(IES) AND OUTER CONTOUR BOUNDARIES ARE LOCATED ENTIRELY WITHIN THE CARRIER'S EXCLUSIVE ZONE

2) WATER-BASED PROPAGATION FORMULA IS NOT APPROPRIATE FOR LAND USE

3) LAND-BASED CARRIER EXTENSION INTO THE GULF OF MEXICO

--25 MILES OFF THE COAST IN TX, LA, AL, MS AND SOME OF FL; 50 MILES OFF MOST OF THE FLORIDA COAST USING THE LAND-BASED FORMULA OVER LAND AND THE WATER-BASED FORMULA OVER WATER;

--12 MILES OFF THE COAST IN TX, LA, AL, MS AND SOME OF FL; 25 MILES OFF MOST OF THE FLORIDA COAST UNDER THE LAND-BASED FORMULA.

AN FCC POLICY FOR THE GULF OF MEXICO BASED ON THIS PROPOSAL:

PROMOTES RELIABLE PORTABLE COVERAGE ON THE BEACH AND IN COASTAL WATERS

REFLECTS RATIONAL COMMUNITY OF INTEREST

BEST SERVES PUBLIC SAFETY CONCERNS

ESTABLISHES COMPETITIVE PARITY WITH PCS PROVIDERS

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June 11, 1996

Mike McPherson
Account Executive
Southwestern Bell Mobile Systems

Dear Mike:

One of our cellular phone users has reported problems using their cellular phone at South Padre Island. The cellular number is 210-245-2872. He is unable to use the phone in remote areas of the Island (a few miles North after the road ends). Please let me know if this problem can be resolved by SBMS or if we can help in anyway.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mari Garcia".

Mari Garcia
Budget Assistant



CAMERON COUNTY PARKS SYSTEM

P. O. BOX 2106

SOUTH PADRE ISLAND, TEXAS 78597

(512) 761-5493

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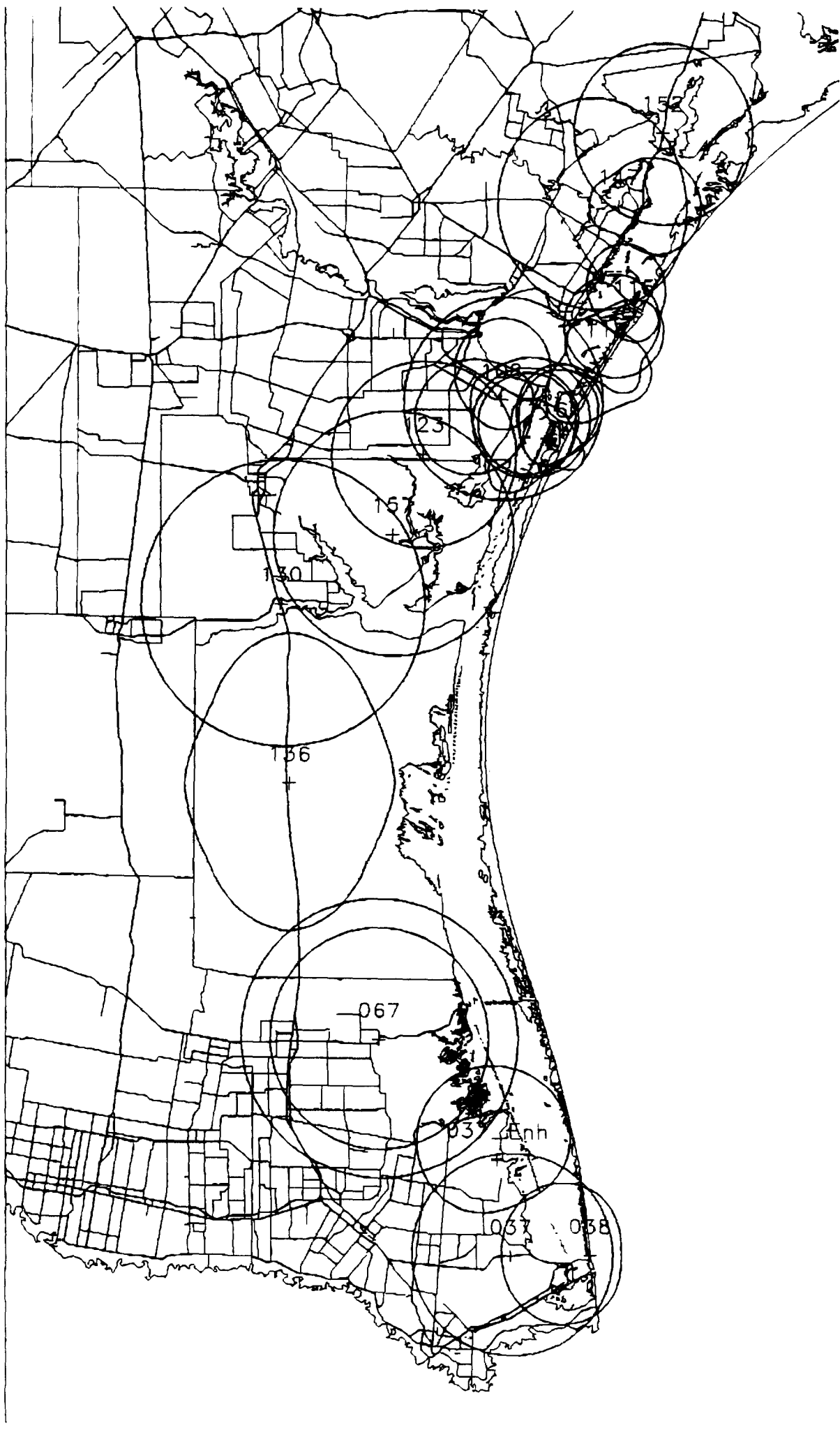
Dear Mr. Kenneth Lee:

On May 1994, the Cameron County Parks System implemented a Park Watch Program. This program was established to provide a quicker and more effective response to emergency or suspicious activity in all our parks. We are currently using a portable Oki 1100 Series phone, however, we were having problems with the service on the island. The signal is extremely poor mainly on the north side of the Town of South Padre Island, but includes some other areas on the island. I was informed that a possible solution to the weak signal would be to readjust the existing antenna to the north or to place an independent antenna in a northerly position. I would appreciate any assistance or suggestions you may have to improve the service on the island. If you have any further questions on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me that my office number (210)761-5283. Thank you for you time.

Sincerely,

Salvador Tinajero Jr.
Chief Park Ranger

cc Kenneth Conway, Director
Maria Hall, S.P.I. Chamber of Commerce



SWBW Inc.

Plot Lower Right: 25-44-57.8 N, 96-38-43.1 W
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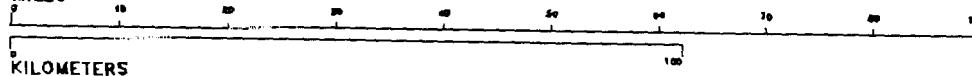
Reliable Service Area Contours

SYSTEM	SITE	SEQUENCE	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	G.E. (H)	FLAGS	METHOD	DBU	TRES	PWR	NUM	RADIAL
SECTOR	ANTENNA CODE	C/L	A7M. ERP	MDLT: MAZ	EDLT							
		(ft AGL)	(DTN) (Wt)	(deg) (DTN)	(deg) (DTN)							
TX20_FCC	147	Rockport	28-02-01.0 N	097-05-37.0 E	5.0	IE,VP	FCC	32.0	3	500W	8	N/A
	beta	LPD7907/A& 142.0	90.0 40.0	4.0 90.0	0.0							
TX20_FCC	147	Rockport	28-02-01.0 N	097-05-37.0 E	5.0	IE,VP	FCC	32.0	3	500W	8	N/A
	gamma	DBS61 267.0	270.0 100.0	0.0 0.0	0.0							
TX20_FCC	152	Holiday	28-10-03.0 N	096-59-54.0 E	11.0	IE,VP	FCC	32.0	3	500W	8	N/A
	omni	DBB10K080& 158.0	0.0 35.0	0.0 0.0	0.0							
CC_FCC	108	Flourblf	27-40-22.0 N	097-20-41.0 E	17.0	IE,VP	FCC	32.0	3	500W	8	N/A
	alpha	DBB34H85RF-F 149.0	0.0 40.0	7.0 0.0	0.0							
CC_FCC	108	Flourblf	27-40-22.0 N	097-20-41.0 E	17.0	IE,VP	FCC	32.0	3	500W	8	N/A
	beta	DBB34H85RF-F 149.0	120.0 100.0	5.0 120.0	0.0							
CC_FCC	108	Flourblf	27-40-22.0 N	097-20-41.0 E	17.0	IE,VP	FCC	32.0	3	500W	8	N/A
	gamma	DBB34H85RF-F 149.0	240.0 100.0	5.0 240.0	0.0							
CC_FCC	108	Flourblf	27-40-22.0 N	097-20-41.0 E	17.0	IE,VP	FCC	32.0	3	500W	8	N/A
	omni	DBB09 155.0	0.0 100.0	0.0 0.0	0.0							
CC_FCC	115	PiAran	27-49-58.0 N	097-03-52.0 E	5.0	IE,VP	FCC	32.0	3	500W	8	N/A
	alpha	DBB34H70RF-F& 99.0	344.0 40.0	0.0 0.0	0.0							
CC_FCC	115	PiAran	27-49-58.0 N	097-03-52.0 E	5.0	IE,VP	FCC	32.0	3	500W	8	N/A
	gamma	DBB34R-F&1 99.0	240.0 40.0	0.0 0.0	0.0							
CC_FCC	118	Galleon	27-36-07.0 N	097-14-56.0 E	9.0	IE,VP	FCC	32.0	3	500W	8	N/A
	alpha	DBB34H70RF-F&77.0	25.0 83.0	0.0 0.0	0.0							
CC_FCC	118	Galleon	27-36-07.0 N	097-14-56.0 E	9.0	IE,VP	FCC	32.0	3	500W	8	N/A
	beta	DBB82H45-X& 79.0	230.0 40.0	0.0 0.0	0.0							
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CC_FCC	116	Galleon	27-36-07.0 N	097-14-56.0 E	9.0	IE,VP	FCC	32.0	3	500W	8	N/A
	alpha	DBB34H70RF-F&77.0	25.0 40.0	0.0 0.0	0.0							
CC_FCC	118	Galleon	27-36-07.0 N	097-14-56.0 E	9.0	IE,VP	FCC	32.0	3	500W	8	N/A
	beta	DBB34H85-WO/V9.0	307.0 40.0	0.0 0.0	0.0							
CC_FCC	118	Mustang	27-45-06.0 N	097-07-28.0 E	8.0	IE,VP	FCC	32.0	3	500W	8	N/A
	alpha	DBB82H45-X& 99.0	33.0 40.0	0.0 33.0	0.0							
CC_FCC	118	Mustang	27-45-06.0 N	097-07-28.0 E	8.0	IE,VP	FCC	32.0	3	500W	8	N/A
	gamma	DBB82H45-X& 99.0	213.0 80.0	5.0 213.0	0.0							
CC_FCC	123	Chapman	27-34-18.0 N	097-30-34.0 E	35.0	IE,VP	FCC	32.0	3	500W	8	N/A
	omni	DBB10K080& 192.0	0.0 40.0	0.0 0.0	0.0							
TX19_FCC	087	Raymondv	26-28-21.0 N	097-36-03.0 E	18.0	IE,VP	FCC	32.0	3	500W	8	N/A
	25W	DBB12F-X 408.0	0.0 75.0	0.0 0.0	0.0							
TX19_FCC	087	Raymondv	26-29-21.0 N	097-36-03.0 E	18.0	IE,VP	FCC	32.0	3	500W	8	N/A
	Omni	DBB12F-X 408.0	0.0 100.0	0.0 0.0	0.0							
TX19_FCC	130	Riviera	27-17-31.0 N	097-48-26.0 E	38.0	IE,VP	FCC	32.0	3	500W	8	N/A
	Omni	DBB12F 442.0	0.0 100.0	0.0 0.0	0.0							
TX19_FCC	136	Armstrong	26-57-38.0 N	097-47-19.0 E	36.0	IE,VP	FCC	32.0	3	500W	8	N/A
	Omni	DBS87KY-CT 404.0	180.0 148.0	0.0 0.0	0.0							
TX19_FCC	157	Alazan	27-25-24.0 N	097-34-24.0 E	22.0	IE,VP	FCC	32.0	3	500W	8	N/A
	omni	DBB10K080& 252.0	0.0 117.0	0.0 0.0	0.0							
RGV_FCC	037	LagunaVI	26-05-31.0 N	097-19-37.0 E	11.0	IE,VP	FCC	32.0	3	500W	8	N/A
	v0-b	PD101B3 158.0	0.0 100.0	0.0 0.0	0.0							
RGV_FCC	037	Buena_Vs	26-16-13.0 N	097-21-17.0 E	14.0	IE,VP	FCC	32.0	3	500W	8	N/A
	new1	DBS61 110.0	342.0 100.0	0.0 0.0	0.0							
RGV_FCC	058	S_Padre	26-05-44.0 N	097-09-46.0 E	15.0	IE,VP	FCC	32.0	3	500W	8	N/A
	0	DBS64K& 100.0	270.0 100.0	0.0 0.0	0.0							

Flags: RE=Round Elevation IE=Interpolate Elevation VP=Use Vertical Pattern
 : GM=Gulf Of Mexico CE=Coordination Exemption NT-Mobile Transmitter UA=Unservd Area

DLC Attributes:
 Primary
 Secondary
 County Boundaries

SCALE 1:1096965
 1 inch = 17.3132 Miles
 1 Centimeter = 10.9697 Kilometers



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